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February 28, 2007

OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. 1940 DUKE STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 US

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10575100 in the amount of \$360.00 has been denied.

Original Claims 18 & 19 remain in the case and they are Multiples. aj

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Attn: Refund Department

Re: Deposit Account Number 150030

Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is a copy of a portion of our Deposit Account Statement of December 2006. Please review the highlighted charge on Serial Number 10/575,100, in the amount of \$360.00 on fee code number 1616.

This charge for a Multiple Dependent Claim is in error as the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 10, 2006 removed the multiple dependencies. Further, only Claims 1-17 remained active, so the Office should not have considered Claim 18 when calcualting the fees.

Please review this application and kindly refund \$360.00 to deposit account number 150030. Copies of the appropriate paperwork are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lohr at (703) 412-6472. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Scott Lohr

Enclosure: Deposit Account Statement

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Docket No.: 288804US0XPCT Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 16 are original claims and claims 3-15 and 17 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to improve readability and the place the application in better format for examination.

Support for the amendment is found in the claims and specification as originally filed and the Article 34 amendments for the U.S. National Stage PCT Application.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-17 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. Action on the merits and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

MICHAEL GRASS, ET AL.

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/EP04/51854)

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING **BENZOIC ACID ESTERS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the morits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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